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Title: METHOD FOR ANALYZING FAIL BIT MAPS OF WAFERS AND  
APPARATUS THEREFOR  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 73 pages, including 3 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings- 36 sheets of drawings containing 62 (Figures 1-42).

3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-076411, filed March 19, 2003.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 6 documents attached.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-076411, filed March 19, 2003.

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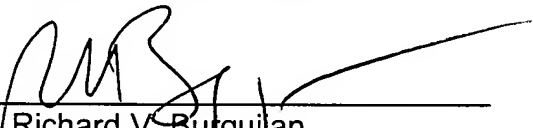
Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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